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### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**JOB TITLE:** Recreation/Activity Specialist I      **OPEN DATE:** 07/01/2022  
**CLOSE DATE:** Until Filled

**JOB LOCATION:** Mary Starke Harper Geriatric  
Psychiatry Center      **NUMBER:** 22-16  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama      **JOB CODE:** J1000

#### **SALARY**

- Range 66 (\$32,097.60 - \$53,707.20 Annually).
- Salary will be commensurate with experience and State of Alabama Personnel guidelines.

#### **BENEFITS**

- 12 paid holidays.
- 1 personal leave day accrued each January.
- 13 sick leave days.
- 13 annual leave days accrued in the first year of employment.
- Longevity bonus annually after 5 years of employment.
- Continuous opportunities for acquiring CE's needed for maintaining professional license.
- Very low-cost health and dental insurance through the [Alabama State Employee Insurance Board](#).
- Defined retirement benefit (not impacted by economic downturns) and a pre-retirement death benefit through the [Retirement Systems of Alabama](#).
  - After 1 year, the minimum amount of the pre-retirement death benefit paid to your designated beneficiary is at least equal to your current or previous fiscal year annual salary.

#### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

- Bachelor's degree in Therapeutic Recreation, Recreation, or a closely related field.

**OR**

- High School Education or GED equivalent.
- 48 months or more experience in recreation, physical education, or therapeutic activities.

#### **KIND OF WORK**

- Responsible for planning, organizing, supervising, and implementing recreational or specialized activities to meet patient needs.
- Develops and evaluates the assigned program to ensure it meets the individual's needs.
- Participates in the development of inter-related activities in a broad therapeutic or recreational context.
- Consults with other professionals on the development and conduct of the assigned activities program.
- Requisitions, inspects, and supervises proper maintenance of appropriate equipment and materials.
- May supervise a non-professional staff of employees.

- Performs related work activities as assigned.

### **REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES**

- Knowledge of the basic theories and practices of the therapeutic use of various activities.
- Knowledge of the nature and specifications for equipment and supplies needed for the assigned activities program and their proper care and maintenance.
- Knowledge of theory and practices of mental hygiene.
- Ability to utilize professional data in planning and evaluating the activities programs and to adapt and implement such programs as required.

### **METHOD OF SELECTION**

- Applicants will be rated based on an evaluation of their job-related training, abilities, experience, and education, and should provide adequate work history identifying experiences related to the duties and minimum qualifications as mentioned above.
- All relevant information is subject to verification.
- **Drug screening and security clearances will be conducted on prospective applicants being given serious consideration for employment whose job requires direct contact with patients.**

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**Only work experience detailed on the application will be considered.** Applications should be submitted by the deadline to be considered. Announcements open until filled will remain open until a sufficient applicant pool is obtained. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible to ensure the application will be considered for the position. Copies of License/Certifications should be uploaded with your application. A copy of the academic transcript is required. Appointment of successful candidate will be conditional based on receipt of the official transcript provided by the school, college, or university.